A Tourist’s Guide to Jewellery Shopping in Udaipur

Navigating the City of Lakes for Authentic Silver, Gold, and Gemstones

Where to Find What: Udaipur’s Famous Bazaars

Udaipur’s shopping is divided into distinct hubs. To find the best, you must know where to look:

- **Hathi Pol:** The heart of artisanal silver and oxidised jewellery. Great for souvenirs.
- **Bada Bazaar:** Famous for traditional Rajasthani attire and "Pachchikari" (glass-set) jewellery.
- **Hajareshwar Colony:** The destination for **High-End Luxury**. This is where locals go for wedding gold, certified diamonds, and hallmarked heritage pieces.

Identifying Authentic Rajasthani Craftsmanship

Two styles define Udaipur: **Meenakari** (Enamelling) and **Thewa** (Gold on Glass).

- **Meenakari:** Look for "Gulabi Meena" (Pink Enamel), a rare specialty. Check for a smooth, glass-like finish without bubbles.
- **Thewa:** This involves fusing 23K gold film onto colored glass. It’s an intricate art form originating from nearby Pratapgarh but perfected in Udaipur’s royal workshops.

Buying Tip: Authentic Meenakari is always done on 22K gold because the metal must withstand high heat during the firing process.

Buying Silver: Purity and Hallmarks

Udaipur is famous for its heavy tribal silver. However, tourists often mistake "German Silver" (which contains no silver) for the real deal.

The 925 Rule: Always look for the **"925" Sterling Silver stamp**.

Oxidised Beauty: Udaipur’s "Antique Finish" silver is treated to look aged. Ensure the dark patina is even and doesn't rub off on your skin instantly.

Price Check: Silver prices fluctuate daily. Check the "Live Silver Rate in Udaipur" on Google before negotiating in smaller stalls.

5 Red Flags Every Shopper Should Know

- **The "Customs" Scam:** Never buy jewellery with the promise that the shop will ship it to your home to "save on taxes."
- **No Invoice, No Purchase:** Always insist on a GST-compliant bill.
- **Lab-Grown vs. Natural:** If a "Natural Emerald" is too cheap to be true, it’s likely synthetic or glass.
- **HUID Missing:** In 2026, selling gold without an **HUID (Hallmark Unique ID)** is illegal.
- **Street Hawkers:** High-quality gemstones are never sold on the sidewalk.

Visit Us: A Tradition of Transparency

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- **Instant Purity Testing:** Use our Karatmeter to verify any gold you own.
- **Tourist Buy-Back:** We offer a transparent buy-back policy on our hallmarked items.
- **Global Shipping:** Fully insured shipping to your home country with all legal documentation.

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